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World War One remembered

Taylor celebrates 100 years of armistice

Abigail Roberts
Staff Writer

Sunday, Nov. 11, 2018 will mark 100 years since the end of WWI. Partnering together, five Taylor academic departments present a memorial weekend, Nov. 8–11 dedicated to the remembering of WWI.

“We are a liberal arts school and this is the liberal arts coming together to mark the occasion,” said Leon Harshenin, professor of music.

The idea of somehow commemorating the armistice had been bouncing around in the heads of multiple faculty for several years. Harshenin, as well, had been thinking about this event and practicing a moving WWI-linked piano piece for a couple years.

Largely pushed by Hammond and faculty from the English, Bible, music, theater, arts, history and political science departments faculty began planning the event under the guidance of History department chair, Tom Jones.

“It is very exciting to see the university come together to honor this event,” said Ben Wetzel, assistant professor of history.

According to Wetzel, if one wants to understand the modern world, it is necessary to go back to the great wars. WWI gets lost in the shadow of WWII, but WWI was just as traumatic for its generation.

The summer of 1914, in June, the assassination of an Austro-Hungarian prince triggered prior alliances, and by August, WWI became global. Although primarily a European war, there was fighting on almost every continent.



Photograph by Abigail Roberts

Freshman Elizabeth Hammond has assisted the history department in preparing for Taylor's upcoming weekend of remembrance.

In 1917, everything changed when the U.S. entered the war. By the end of 1918, Allies marched across Europe and Axis powers began signing peace treaties; Turkey signed by the end of October and the Austro-Hungarians by Nov. 3.

5 a.m. Nov. 11, 1918, in a dark, damp railroad car, a German delegation headed by German Matthias Erzberger, leaned over a faded paper, pen in hand. Faced with allied powers at their borders and little remaining manpower, Matthias signed the sheet of paper which would change the fate of the entire war, the WWI Armistice.

Taylor's upcoming weekend of remembrance commemorates not only the signing of the Nov. 11 peace treaty, but also all of those who died amidst this tragic conflict.

On Nov. 8, at 7:30 p.m. Harshenin and Chris Bade, music department co-chair, will be presenting a musical recital

accompanied by selected poetry in the Recital Hall. Readings will be performed by Dan Bowman, associate professor of English and Aaron Housholder, assistant professor of English.

“It is important to mark the end of that tragic war and remember those who died,” Harshenin said. “It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to celebrate the centennial. It's a part of the student's past history as well.”

On Friday, Nov. 9 at 4 p.m., in conjunction with Taylor's weekly C.S. Lewis and friends meeting, Ben Wetzel, assistant professor of history, will be presenting two chapters from his master's thesis in Ayers 215. His presentation covers specifically what mainline Protestants thought about the war in contrast to the contemporary Lutheran views.

According to Wetzel, Protestants supported the war on a religious level. In his presentation, Wetzel will use this to

question if there is a way to hate your enemies while being rooted in faith.

Friday's events will also include a showing of the French award-winning film “Joyeux Noël” at 7 p.m. in Cornwall Auditorium.

Ed Meadors, professor of Biblical Studies, on Saturday Nov. 10 will be leading a time of prayer in the Memorial Prayer chapel

According to Jones, the chapel will be not to just remember ending the war, but also to remember the impact it had on everyone.

To conclude the weekend, a final remembrance service will be held in the Euler Atrium at 7 p.m.

“It will be poignant and autumnal,” Harshenin said. “In the sense of causing us to remember with a mixture of beauty and sadness, a mixture of bitter-sweet sentiment.”

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Zondervan hosts community readers

Local borrowers can access library items

Ellie Tiemens
Staff Writer

Taylor University's Zondervan Library is open to more than just students and faculty. Local residents of Upland and surrounding areas are able to borrow the extensive resources offered by the Zondervan Library with the obtainment of a Community Borrower card.

Though this is not a new implementation — members of the community have been able to use library resources for more than 18 years — it is something that is known by few members of the community and students at Taylor. Only about 60 members of Upland and surrounding communities are registered as Community Borrowers at the Zondervan Library.

Residents of the community can become Community Borrowers by filling out a short application and paying a nominal fee of \$25 every three years,



Photograph by Tim Hudson

Zondervan Library provides books, periodical, DVDs and more to both students and locals.

which is waived for alumni. They then have access to more than 180,000 books, DVDs and electronic resources according to an article published on the Taylor University website.

Dan Bowell, director of the library, said that Zondervan is often utilized by pastors and teachers doing research, as well as community members looking for popular fiction books or DVDs that aren't available on the usual streaming services such as Netflix and Hulu.

Additionally, the Upland Public Library and Eastbrook School system libraries are familiar with the public accessibility of the Zondervan Library and are able to direct patrons looking for specific research material to Taylor's library.

“Anyone is welcome to use materials in the Library during its hours of normal access,” the Zondervan website said.

However, only Community Borrowers may check books out of the library.

There are relatively few restrictions put on Community Borrowers. They have access to materials during the hours that Zondervan is open to Taylor students as well as access to the printers located in the library. Community Borrowers are restricted in their use of library computers, web-based resources, and electronic equipment.

With minimal negative outcomes, Taylor will continue to provide access of Zondervan Library materials to members of the community.

“It is a good thing for Taylor,” Bowell said. “We are extending some Taylor resources to the community. (It is) a good way to show that Taylor is part of the community. Exposure to Taylor and the Zondervan Library can be a positive thing for community members. It makes a statement that Taylor is fully a part of the local (and) regional community and is willing to allow appropriate use of University resources by persons in the community.”

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COS students make physical objects

New class makes 3D prototypes for midterm

Carly Wheeler
Contributor

The Taylor University Computer Science Department is stepping into new territory this semester as students are able to take the class 3D rapid prototyping (COS 270) for the first time.

Taught by engineering project support Steve Dalcher, this pioneer class is diving into an area of computer programming brand new to Taylor academics. COS 270 focuses on bringing the two-dimensional realm into the three-dimensional world through drafting designs on drawing software and then cutting the designs to make physical objects.

Stefan Brandle, department co-chair of computer science and engineering, commented on the milestone the class marks.

“This stuff that used to be just crazy complicated to try to do now is becoming more common,” Brandle said. “The ability to . . . sit down and figure it out yourself and at least make yourself something useful, it is really changing things. And so

for (the computer science department) to be doing this, I think that is a pretty exciting thing.”

The class's progress was demonstrated to the computer science department in the presentation of their midterm projects on Monday, Oct. 15.

The nature of the semester-long project is to allow each student to showcase their own creativity and interests in what they build. The projects all contain lauan wood which were cut with a laser cutter, but the similarities end there. A wide array of objects were created, from a model airplane to a knife block to a miniature Pac-Man game.

Although, at this time of semester, students have begun to grasp what is required to make a 3D object from a 2D design, it would not be this way without many trials and errors in navigating the open-ended assignment.

Dalcher noted the student's nervousness experienced in the first week of class when they received almost no guidelines for the project.

“It is a thought process, and it is a change in how we think,” Dalcher said. “So you want to talk about the angst that

was going on that first day, like, what do we do? Make something 3D, man.”

Some students recreated pieces of their project four or five times in just one day. Dalcher explained how the way to get something right in 3D rapid prototyping is to do just that: make it 3D. That is the best way to know if two pieces will finally fit together or slide smoothly or sit at just the right angle.

Senior Andrew Dorn has made numerous iterations of his project, as each error requires changes in the software and re-cutting the wood. But this tedious process has contributed the new appreciation he has for the class and the problem-solving skills it requires from its participants.

“If anything, it is just a really good way to change my perspective on thinking,” Dorn said. “Computer science is already a different way of thinking — a lot of problem solving and conceptualizing and debugging — and this is kind of taking the computer science process and turning it physical.”

Each COS 270 student had similar experiences to Dorn when it came to solving small errors that make a large difference



Photograph provided by Carly Wheeler

Senior Micah Stewart presents his midterm project for COS 270.

in their final product, and yet, they all expressed excitement for what is coming next for the class. In the remaining half of the semester, the students will continue to improve and add to their projects, strengthening the skills they have and honing in the skills they have gained.

As Dalcher is confident the students will produce exceptional final products in December, he expressed his excitement for what they have produced so far, noting they have already surpassed his expectations for the first COS 270 class.

“So far this has been a really fun class,” Dalcher said. “I would say each student has invested significant amounts of time outside of class to make it happen, and I could not be more proud of what we have produced.”

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Taylor Trojans brace for competitive season

Women's basketball seeks success amid change

Alec Tebben
Staff Writer

The Taylor women's basketball team is moving forward with confidence as they enter this season.

The Trojans won their first three games against Asbury University, Madonna University and University of Northwestern Ohio. Starting the season 3-0 has given them confidence they hope will carry into the rest of the season. Having that confidence will be a great asset as the team faces a tough schedule this season.

"They're going to be tested more than they were last year, in terms of who we're playing," said head coach Jody Martinez.

Several players will also be taking on new roles this season. With the addition of its new players, the team is figuring out how they can be the most competitive.

Senior Aubrey Wright was the starting point guard last season but last weekend, she played as the three guard. She transitioned to shooting guard in Tuesday's game against University of Northwestern Ohio.

"Aubrey's got multidimensional skill level as she can play different positions, and right now that's what's helping us be very competitive," said Martinez.

The team has been making other changes as well.

Wright said that the team's dynamics have completely changed since last season.

"We've definitely become more of a shooting team. And Jody brought that in, he wanted us to all be confident shooting."

"They're going to be tested more than they were last year, in terms of who we're playing," said head coach Jody Martinez.

One of the team's goals for the season is to perform better against division rival Marian University. The Trojans fell to Marian three times last season. Marian was also the only conference team they did not defeat.

The Trojans' third loss to Marian last season was the conference championship game. Marian, ranked fourth in the nation in NAIA Division II, will likely be good again this season. The Trojans are hoping to take Marian's place as reigning conference champions.

But the team's aspirations do not stop there.

"We want to get this team back to the NAIA national tournament," said Martinez. "If we get back out there we'll be ready, calm, they'll see it as another game."

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Junior Becca Buchs goes up for a layup during an early season game

Photograph by Trevor Osswald

Volleyball heads to Crossroads Quarterfinal

Taylor gets another shot at Grace

Clay Sidenbender
Staff Writer

Taylor volleyball is heading back to Grace College for the second time this season. This time, the season is on the line.

The Taylor Trojans will face the Grace Lady Lancers for a Crossroads League quarterfinal match. They play Saturday, Nov. 3 at 7 p.m. in Winona Lake. Taylor is coming in with a 17-16 record and Grace with a 19-14 record.

"I would say, overall, we had some pretty frustrating losses," said head coach Erin Luthy. "(Our) record doesn't necessarily show the growth... when we lost some of those matches, they were really, really close."

The Trojans have played eight matches with five sets this regular season. The last time the Trojans faced eight or more five-set matches during the regular season was 2012. One of the five-set matches this season was against the Lancers.

The first loss to Grace was a 3-0 sweep in Upland. However, Taylor lost set one by two points, set two by nine points and set three by two points.

"The last two times we've played them this season, we've made a lot of unforced errors," Luthy said. "So... in the moments that really counted."

The top expectations for the 2018 season were to have a solid team and win conference. The University



Taylor volleyball breaks the huddle prior to a recent match

Photograph by Brad Timmerman

of Saint Francis, Indiana Wesleyan University (IWU) and Marian University were the teams Taylor watched out for this season.

Luthy said the beginning of the season was tough because Taylor could not finish strong. The main issue was the inexperience of her young team.

"I'm not blaming the young players per se, but just kind of the experience of playing with a new lineup," Luthy said. "We're peaking at a good time. We're finishing really strongly."

The Trojans have won their last six matches of the season. As of Oct. 30, Grace has lost eight of their last 10.

One of the biggest challenges for the Trojans will be coming into the Grace matchup with confidence.

is intact, the backrow can benefit considerably.

"Honestly, the most frustrating thing I can think of is being on the court and being a hitter when the ball won't go down and the other team gets the ball up," Pomeranke said. "That just... destroys me mentally."

Both Pomeranke and Luthy said Taylor volleyball has the best backrow in the Crossroads League. Junior defensive specialist Samantha Korn holds the highest record of digs in the Crossroads League with 680 digs, giving Taylor the highest team dig total in the league. Meanwhile, Grace has the second most team kills in the Crossroads League at 1,635 kills. Grace senior outside hitter/defensive specialist Caylie Teel leads the conference in kills with 442 kills. Grace junior setter Alexa Hill leads the conference in assists with 1,347 assists.

"At the beginning of the season, they just had, you know, more experience overall," Luthy said of the Grace volleyball team.

Luthy said her Taylor team has progressed this season. Taylor's game plan against Grace is to play at their peak performance.

Whoever wins Saturday's quarterfinal match will play in the semi-final on Wednesday, Nov. 7. If the winner of the Grace-Taylor match wins out in the tournament, they will qualify for the NCCAA tournament.

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FOOTBALL

11/3 Saint Francis (A) 4 p.m.

MEN'S BASKETBALL

11/2 Cornerstone (A) 8 p.m.

11/3 Indiana Tech (A) 3 p.m.

11/5 Miami Ohio (A) 7 p.m.

11/7 Kokomo (A) 7:30 p.m.

MEN'S SOCCER

11/3 Spring Arbor (A) 4 p.m.

MEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

11/3 CL Championship 11:30 a.m.

VOLLEYBALL

11/3 Grace (A) 7 p.m.

11/7 TBA CL Tournament (A)

WOMEN'S GOLF

10/5 Players Club Invitational (A) 12 p.m.

10/6 Players Club Invitational (A) 9 a.m.

WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

11/3 Denver (A) 8 p.m.

11/5 Metropolitan State (A) 9 p.m.

11/2 Trinity Christian (A) 5 p.m.

WOMEN'S SOCCER

11/3 Spring Arbor (A) 1 p.m.

WOMEN'S CROSS COUNTRY

11/3 CL Championship 10:30 a.m.

SCOREBOARD

RESULTS FROM TAYLOR ATHLETICS

Football

10/27 Concordia

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Men's Soccer

10/31 MVNU

W 3-0 PKs

Women's Soccer

10/31 MVNU

W 1-0

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ATHLETES OF THE WEEK

JUNIOR	Year	SENIOR
HILLIARD, OH	Hometown	AVON, IN
ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	Major	ACCOUNTING
RACHEL COERS	Funniest Teammate	PAUL MCBRIDE
JIMMY JOHN'S	Favorite Pregame meal	P&B BAGEL w/ HONEY

Jeremiah Rader

MEN'S SOCCER

Jeremiah Rader

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Felver enjoys protecting and impacting students here at Taylor.

Campus police impact students

Campus police act as parental figures

Chrishauna Curry
Contributor

The campus police department takes pride in protecting Taylor students. Jeff Wallace, chief of police, used to be a police officer in Detroit, Michigan for 13 years. Although he always loved law enforcement, Wallace said that he felt as though God had something else for him. His obedience to God led him to find what he was missing, and later on he found his purpose at Taylor in 2003.

Wallace said working at Taylor University has been a beautiful and growing experience. His favorite aspect of the job is being able to build and maintain a relationship with the students at Taylor.

Tim Felver, deputy chief of police, has served as a police officer in Marion for 20 years, but has lived in Upland for most of his life. He said that he has seen the growth of Taylor over the years.

“I watched Taylor grow and evolve into the school it is now,” Felver said.

He has been working at Taylor since last year after the retirement of the previous deputy chief police

officer. What amazed him about Taylor was that 27 countries were represented at his first graduation last May. Felver loves the diversity on campus because it is much different than what he has experienced during his two decades serving as a police officer in Marion.

When Wallace and Felver are not on duty, they are actively engaged on campus. Felver expressed with excitement that he enjoys attending plays and sporting events on campus when he is not patrolling. Meanwhile, Wallace is currently in his third year of teaching human relations in organizations, which is comprised of five students that meets three times a week. Within the class, Wallace focuses of creating a safe space for the students to have engaging and meaningful conversations.

When he is not in the classroom, Wallace also assists in leading students on missionary trips to various countries. Leading these trips creates a close relationship with students that Wallace takes pride in.

Junior Stevanni Mccray, who works in the campus police department, said she really appreciates her relationship with the

chief police officer. She felt confident in knowing that she can confide in him whenever she is having a difficult time. Mccray also expressed that she has had a positive experience working in the campus police due to her close relationship with Wallace and supportiveness of the department.

Wallace and Felver are also responsible for the discipline of students.

“It can be the hardest thing and the most beautiful thing all in the same process,” Wallace said.

By having tough conversations with students that need to be disciplined, he gets to love the students well. Wallace believes that acknowledging our downfalls encourages growth.

He said that although the discipline process is difficult, he gets to walk in brokenness with the students. In the midst of disciplining students, Wallace reminds them that even he is broken and all of mankind are all broken.

“We all stumble in life from time to time, but it’s what you do

afterwards; it’s how you react to that,” Wallace said.

According to Felver, even in situations where he had to give lectures or scold student, he wants students to keep in mind that he is their caretaker.

Felver and Wallace both agree that they see themselves as parental figures to the students on campus.

“It says ‘police officer’ on my shirt, but it could say parent,” Felver said.

Felver can empathize with the parents of students wondering who is going to take care of their children if they ever needed help. He understands their concern because he has had the same experience with his two sons when dropping them off to college.

Because of this, he makes it his main agenda to makes sure that no one on campus is getting hurt or ensuring that someone that is not supposed to be on campus does not threaten the student’s safety.

“There is nothing more important to us than keeping you all safe,” said Wallace said.

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Twenty-five Taylor students intern with NFL Colts

Seniors get ahead in big industry

Katie Pftotzer
Contributor

You see a flyer for an especially interesting job or competition. Usually you walk right by, but have you ever thought of stepping out of your comfort zone and just going for it? That’s exactly what 25 Taylor students did when they applied for the 10 internship positions available with the Colts this year.

This summer, Ian Brown, a 2009 graduate, came back with an opportunity for a handful of Taylor students. Brown’s company, Intersport, an advertising and marketing agency in Chicago, represents American Family Insurance. The company was in need of brand ambassadors to work at Colts games in Indianapolis. In simple terms, a brand ambassador is a person paid to endorse a company or product. As a Taylor grad, Brown suggested offering the positions to students at his alma mater.

“He could have chosen any group, but he wanted to integrate Taylor students so they could have that kind of



Photographs provided by Google

Students have the opportunity to intern with the Indianapolis Colts.

experience and opportunity that exists in marketing,” Amy Stucky, assistant professor of sports management and one of the two professors involved, said.

Stucky and associate professor of business Jody Hirschy run the program together. They are both first-time leaders of a program of this kind. The program runs through fall semester 2018.

According to Hirschy, the

internship is eight students working as brand ambassadors to provide customer experience.

The application process, according to Stucky, consisted of both the marketing and sports management departments taking resumes along with a brief description of why the student felt this would be a good experience for them.

According to senior Harrison

Vandernoord, a participant in the internship, the job entails getting up early every time there is a Colts home game and driving to Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis around 8 a.m. They then run a fan experience area, which integrates games for all audiences and surveys, as well as lead generation for the insurance company.

“I really enjoy being in

downtown Indy and feeling the excitement of fans right before they get inside to watch the Colts,” Vandernoord said.

It is exactly this integration of marketing and sports that both Stucky and Hirschy feel is what makes the program so unique. The students agree.

Vandernoord pointed out that he felt the experience was a great resume-builder as he moves forward to plans after college.

“The fact that I was able to work for a brand that is associated with the Colts, will speak a lot for my engagement with the community,” Vandernoord said.

Stucky and Hirschy are both hoping to continue this program if its success continues. They both feel it is an excellent source of experience for students.

Vandernoord ended with this piece of wisdom for those pursuing a goal.

“Don’t be afraid to pursue something that seems far fetched,” Vandernoord said. “I didn’t know whether or not I would get this job, but it sounded amazing, so I applied and God rewarded me for putting myself out there.”

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Q Union event asks questions, highlights hospitality

Students explore value in community

Kamryn Koble
Contributor

On Oct 25, Taylor was one of 150 locations taking part in a Q Union event featuring six speakers, three being students here.

Director of the Calling and Career Office Jeff Aupperle lead bringing the event to campus. Q Union focuses on creating a space where people can engage with big questions. The focus was the word “hospitality,” and students were challenged to submit videos defining and applying this to college life.

“We structure ourselves in a way that community is available to students, but they make the choice to participate in it, and by doing so, it’s a cost to them,” Aupperle said.

Junior Pat McNamara focused on the idea of valuing people at a cost to oneself in his on-campus speech. This idea opposes violence of a physical, mental or verbal nature, and the vehicle away from violence is peace. McNamara urges the campus to pray for peace, examine themselves for violence, and to overvalue people no matter what the cost.

“View every person as a brother or sister, which automatically makes one value them more than a stranger,” McNamara said.

Junior Mirgul Zhumagulova shared the compelling story of her



Coordinator Kelly Sisson, speakers Mirgul Zhumagulova, Pat McNamara and Stephanie Mithika smile with Calling and Career Office Director Jeff Aupperle and represent the different discussions and speakers.

family’s surrender to Christ through the love of an unlikely stranger.

“It’s through relationships that we tell of the gospel without saying a

word,” Zhumagulova stated.

After the death of their young son, the Zhumagulovas moved to Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan and

encountered a man from the U.S. while selling apples. This family supported them through their infertility and eventually led

numerous Zhumagulovas to God through the force of their relationship despite differences.

Junior Stephanie Mithika explored the topic of extending hospitality to people marginalized because of sexual orientation. She discussed how Christians adopt a posture of hostility to those on its margins.

“Tolerance is just an acknowledgment of our differences and nothing else,” Mithika stated. “It’s not our differences that separate us, it’s the way we choose to engage with one another.”

She calls students to engage with each other in the hospitable, loving manner of the gospel.

The evening also featured three adult speakers through video. Author Jo Saxton defined hospitality as seeing the stranger, alien and foreigner as an equal. She called listeners to not only engage with others or donate to causes, but to see them with affection like family.

“If you don’t know someone who’s your other, it’s time,” Scott Harrison, founder of charity:water said.

Charity:water’s mission to bring clean water to everyone, uniting donors across religion.

Founder of Love Does and Best Selling Author Bob Goff encourages us to engage others with love and enduring hospitality.

“People don’t follow a vision, they follow availability,” Goff said.

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First round results are in

Rating September and October open houses

	September and October Open Houses	Decor	Wing Involvement	Overall Experience	Originality	TOTAL
9/26	Penthouse Coffee House	2	3	3	3	11
10/9	3rd East Wengatz Future Great Dads	2	5	4	4	15
10/24	2nd Gerig Granny Pumpkin Spice	4	5	3	5	17
10/24	3rd Floor Olson Cookies	2	5	3	3	13
10/25	2nd West Wengatz Techno Night	5	4.5	3.5	4	17
10/25	2nd Center Wengatz Techno Night Cool Down	1	2	5	4	12
10/30	3rd Breu Storm's A Breuin'	5	4	4	5	18
10/30	Swalloween	5	3	4	4	16
10/31	Foundation Halloween Open House	2	5	4.5	4	16.5

September 26 - Penthouse Coffee House

We credit this floor of Samuel Morris Hall for kicking off this semester’s open houses with a relaxing and welcoming environment. Peers gathered around tables to play board games or sip on coffee that even the barista admitted was terrible. A few boys played acoustic music on their guitars to set the coffeehouse vibe. Overall Rating: 11

October 9 - Third East Wengatz Future Great Dads

We will admit, the idea of hanging out with 25 or so dads was slightly intimidating, but we trekked over to Third East Wengatz for the Future Great Dads of America open house. As you enter, you are greeted with a friendly hug. From there you are blessed by many dads: crawl-dad, sugar daddy, art dad, party dad, dad joke dad, disapproving dad and a plethora of others. Overall Rating: 15

October 24 - Second Gerig Granny Pumpkin Spice

After a lull in the open house schedule, we enjoyed a lovely night with some of our favorite grannies of Second Gerig. The whole wing participated by dressing as grannies and taking part in typical grandmother activities. Grandma candy was passed out and we left feeling full

as one should. Our favorite feature was the great wall of granny stories where we could read about people’s crazy grandma stories. Overall rating: 17

October 24 - Third Olson Cookie Open House

Milk. Napkins. Cookies. In that order. The entire third floor of Olson Hall put on an event featuring dozens of kinds of cookies to share with the masses of Taylor. The selection was on a first come first serve basis. This open house was an in-and-out type of event, but we left with our hands full of delicious cookies and more napkins than we could fit in our pockets. The selection was beyond belief. Overall rating: 13

October 25 - Second West Wengatz Techno Night

Take one small lounge, add in a blacklight, detergent soaked walls and neon clad students and you have Second West Wengatz Techno Night open house. The men of Second West replaced the lights on their wing for blacklight bulbs and splattered laundry detergent all over the walls. They set up a DJ station with huge, loudspeakers. After getting all dressed up, the students started pouring in. The rest of the night was spent jumping and dancing surrounded by unbelievably sweaty people – a true Taylor party scene. Overall rating: 17

October 25 - Second Center Wengatz “Cool Down From Techno Night Open House

Although this open house was an extremely simple idea, it was pure genius. Second Center had fans, water and a peaceful space to get your head on straight before going back into Techno Night madness. We highly recommend. Overall rating: 12

October 30 - Third Breu Storm’s a Breuin’

Second Breu advised all open house attendees to wear weather resistant gear, and they did not take it lightly. Each open house group was led by a “storm chaser” guide and navigated their way through a thunderstorm, rain shower, tornado and tsunami. With flashing lights, wind, splashes of water and plenty of jumpscare, this open house did not disappoint. After braving the storm, the storm chasers greet Noah and get to taste the rainbow on their way out. Overall Rating: 18

October 30 - Swalloween

This year, Swalloween was western themed and as always, was a hit. Those in attendance were able to get photos with sheriff stars and mustaches. The layout has been consistent from year to year. Snacks were offered in the



lobby upon entering the open house. Walking through the three floors brought opportunities to participate in activities, but we found the dark third floor underwhelming. Favorite part: the “Bungalow Boys,” who played a country version of “Monster Mash.” Overall rating: 16

October 31 - Foundation Halloween Open House

The line to attend the Samuel

Morris Foundation Halloween open house was over 30 minutes long at the busy parts of the night. After putting our name in the queue, they text you when it is your turn. There were options for all participants. From the escape room to the haunted maze to trick or treating and even a Broho interactive zombie haunted house, there were options for everyone. Overall rating: 16.5

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Do not fear the beard

Beard growing competition commences

Kassidy Weemhoff
L&T Co-Editor

Here at Taylor, we pride ourselves on the robust amount of facial hair grown over the month of November. It is the time of year when a select group of courageous males on campus choose to forego using their razors to let their beards grow long. Since around 2009, No-Shave November has been an established month-long competition of sorts. More recently, it has turned into Movember, a funding project for the American Cancer Society. Whether being funded or not, thousands of men participate in one month of not shaving their faces. We love to see the already lengthy facial hair around campus, but we want to see what you can accomplish

from only a month. To honor this month-long commitment to the lumberjack look, we are hosting a No-Shave November facial hair competition. To enter in this festive competition, all you need to do is take a before and after picture of you and your beard. Send the before pictures to kassidy_weemhoff@taylor.edu by Sunday, Nov. 4, and send the after pictures by Tuesday, Nov. 27. There will be two winners of the No-Shave November: one winner of the longest beard and one winner of the fullest beard. The winners will both receive an Ivanohe’s gift card. We also encourage you to partner with Movember and raise money for the American Cancer Society. At the end of the month, check back in THE ECHO to see photos of the winners and some honorable mentions. Happy growing echo@taylor.edu



Photograph by Kassie Jovialk
Justin Fath, Noah Huesman and Noah Pitts show off their beards for the camera. This could be you if you participate in our No-Shave November competition.



Survival Guide FAQ
Alyssa Roat
Staff Writer

At the Taylor Survival Guide, we know you have lots of questions. Thus, this week, we will attempt to answer them!

Q: What should I do when I wake up too late to shower before class?
A: This is simple! You always have time to shower, or at least, to bathe. Jump in one of the many bodies of water around Taylor on your way to class. You’re set!

Q: What should I do if I like someone?
A: You should ask them on a pick-a-date. All pick-a-dates end in marriage. If you are too scared to ask, you can always hit the person with a tolf ball, or dive in front of one yourself.

Q: Last time I followed the Survival Guide’s advice, I got arrested. Why did you give such bad advice?
A: We don’t give bad advice. You’re just bad at not getting caught.

Q: I forgot about an assignment until I got to class. What now?
A: Text a friend. They need to run into your class and scream, “(Your

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name here), they’re dead! Come quickly!” Run out before the professor can say anything. Keep running. Never come back. You’re Forrest Gump now. You will still fail, but at least you will save face. They will never know you ran because you forgot your homework.

Q: What gives you the expertise to give advice?
A: We’re almost finished with our BS degree. BS standing for Bachelor of Science, of course.

Q: My fish died. How do I honor his passing?
A: Why is this such a common question? Wear all black and gather at least five friends. Starting in your room, march slowly in procession while holding out the fish. Wail ominously. As you approach the bathroom, wail with greater volume and musical aptitude. (Use a minor key and preferably harmonize.) Once you are standing in front of the toilet, increase the wails to keens. Do not stop for breath. Continue screaming as you dump the fish in the toilet and flush it. Immediately stop screeching and segue into a quiet rendition of “Amazing Grace.” We did this our freshman year and we’ve never seen eyes as wide with what must have been wonder and raw emotion as those of the girl who emerged from

the shower just as we flushed the fish.

Q: Who sent in these questions? Are they even real?
A: Obviously, everything in the Survival Guide is of the utmost truth.

Q: Why don’t I see the Survival Guide in the paper more often?
A: Because this knowledge is sacred, and you can’t handle too much of it.

Q: Why is this even allowed in THE ECHO?
A: We’re sorry you don’t appreciate true, unbiased, matter-of-fact journalism.

Q: How do I submit a question or idea for the next Survival Guide?
A: We’d love to hear from you! Email alyssa_roat@taylor.edu. We also accept messages via well-aimed tolf ball. echo@taylor.edu

Want your tweets featured in The Echo?

Hashtag #TaylorU to any of your Taylor-related tweets for next week’s paper!

The Weekly BACHELOR AND BACHELORETTE

Ben Hood

Senior:
Prom King in High School. Also, winner of the Illinois high school 3-point shooting competition, which is called King of the Hill.



Courtney Clark

Senior:
She is really good at roller skating and ping pong! (the pic is from when she studied abroad in Ecuador).



#TaylorU’s TOP TWEETS

Olivia Miller @OliivaaMiller
I felt a little sad when I didn’t get to wish anyone a happy Reformation Day here in Spain, especially on Halloween #tayloru

Kia Apple @kiaexapple
According to Instagram, I need to change my major so I can go on more field trips... #tayloru

Cat Allocco @catallocco
gets 2 follow requests from Parnassus “Parnassus is the most thirsty...Parnassus is everywhere” -Blake. #TaylorU

Rachel Knight @knightbookworm
Motivation for doing laundry only comes when there is barely time to finish laundry. (Source: currently folding fresh laundry.) #tayloru

Blythe todd @Justcallmeblith
Surely Gas City, IN inherited its name from the fact that all of the food in the town will give you tremendous gas. #tayloru

Jack Mancuso @_Hulk_Hands_
it’s tough finding a relationship here at #tayloru. Nobody here even reads the Bionicle forums

Steve Morley @SteveAMorley
I’m beginning to think the most valuable part of my @tayloru experience was my days building PH Christmas Openhouse #pcch #liberalarts #tayloru

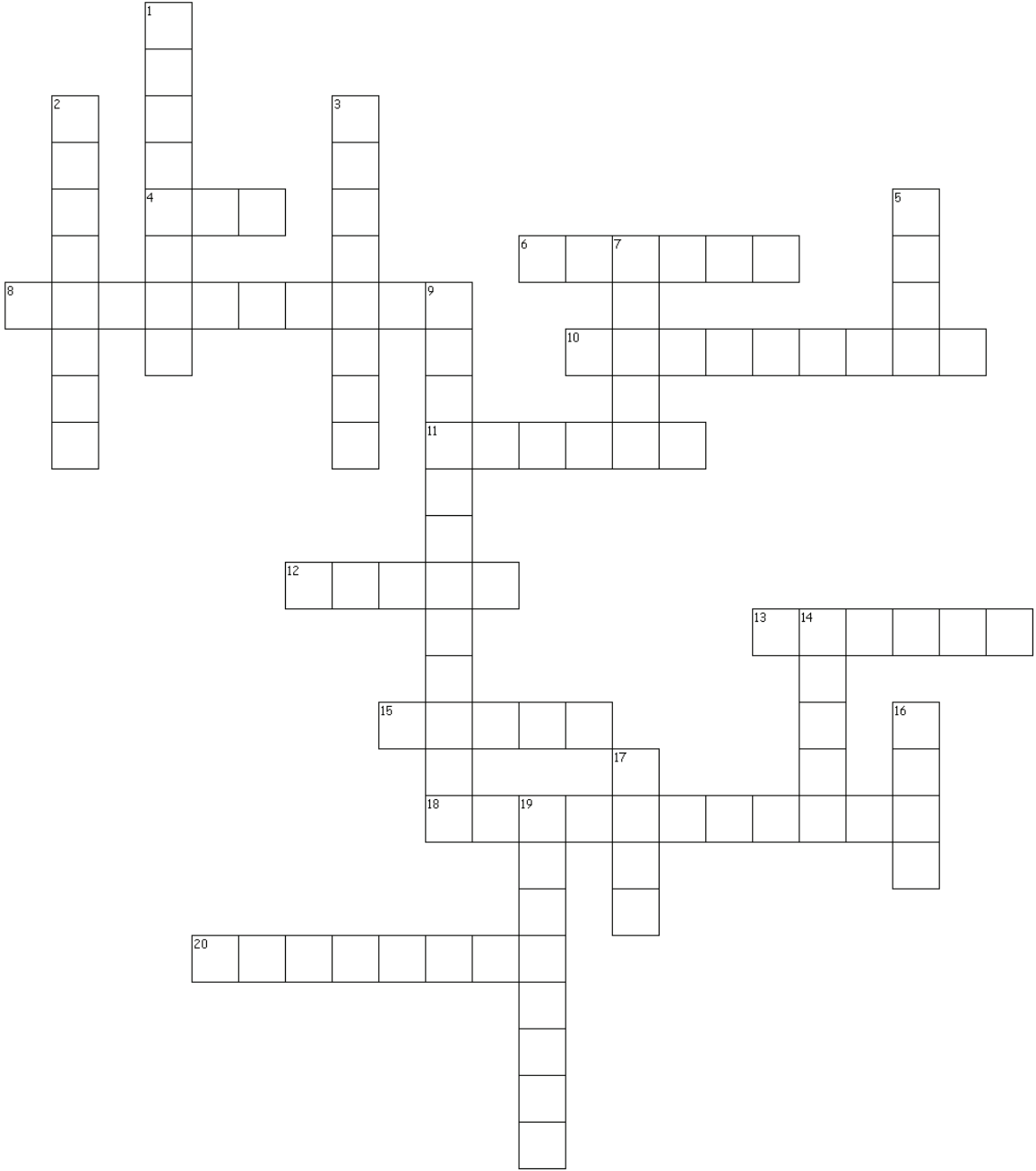
Reid Otto @ReadAuto
Shoutout to the police for shutting down techno night early because they knew we all have homework we need to get to #tayloru

Hanna Smith @_hannabeths_
That moment when Ciao puts queso in the pasta line instead of alfredo. So what’s in the taco line? #tayloru

Weekly Crossword

- Across
- Hot water and plants! Yum!
 - You go to Speedway for this
 - Not vegetable kick
 - Liquid ice cream
 - This classic keeps over half the world awake each day
 - Fruits squeezed and sweetened
 - Lemon-lime goodness
 - It’s free until someone puts it in a plastic bottle
 - This will put some pep in your step
 - Sassafras
- Down
- Blended ice and fruit
 - Used by athletes everywhere
 - A sweet & sour summertime classic
 - Typically comes from a cow (or “nice set of utters” ... your choice)
 - Only for Bear Grylls and the truly desperate
 - It’s only got one rule: never let it cool
 - Sponsors the Super Bowl halftime show
 - Taste the feeling
 - 15 across in Spanish
 - Despite popular opinion, it’s “s” not “x”

For the answers to this week’s crossword email lauren_rink@taylor.edu



“The colors pop, the sounds come to life and the audience is pulled right into the conspiracies at the El Royale.”

Mysteries abound in this brand new thriller movie

Take the time to reflect with poetry and music

Faculty recital commemorates WWI

Elizabeth Hartmann
A&E Editor

The music of rejoicing voices replaced the cacophony of gunfire 100 years ago. Taylor is still remembering that day.

Poetry and music will be combined in a recital called “Remembrances of War.” According to a press release, Lorne Mook and Dan Bowman, associate professors of English, will be reading poetry by and about WWI soldiers. Leon Harshenin and Christopher Bade, professors of music, will be performing songs pointing to the consequences of “the war to end all wars.”

Harshenin will be playing four of the six movements of “Le tombeau de Couperin” or “The Tomb of Couperin” that was written in 1914–1917 by Maurice Ravel.

Ravel served as an ambulance driver during WWI and each of the movements he wrote are dedicated a friend which he lost in the war.

According to the favorite classical composers website, the first movement, Prélude, is dedicated to Jacques Charlot who had transcribed



Photograph by Ben Williams

Visit the recital hall on Nov. 8 to remember WWI with music and poetry.

some of Ravel’s music for solo piano. The third movement is called Forlane, which is written in memory of Gabriel Deluc who was a Basque painter Ravel met in the Pyrenees.

Rigaudon, the fourth movement, is written to remember two brothers who were family friends, Pierre and Pascal Gaudin. On their first day on the front, both brothers were killed

with the same shell.

During his time on the front, Ravel wrote to the Dreyfus family where he spent time recovering before he was released from service because of

this weak health. The fifth movement, Menuet, is dedicated to Jean Dreyfus, the stepson of a woman Ravel wrote to.

“I want this music to contribute to the process of remembering this cataclysmic event in history, which tragically caused the death of 16 million people,” Harshenin said. “To me, this music is wistful and poignant, joyful at times but tinged with melancholy.”

Harshenin has personal ties to WWI. His step-grandfather fought on the Western Front in France in the final year the war, and his mother’s father, who was a Mennonite living in Russia, worked as a cook in the military camp. To remember them on the centennial, he will be showing slides of them at the recital before he performs.

For students interested in commemorating the centennial of the Armistice through poetry and music, this free recital will take place in the Recital Hall on Thursday, Nov. 8 at 7:30 p.m.

“I also hope that people will come away from this weekend pondering what we and individuals and as a country can do to prevent such a destructive conflagration from every happening again,” Harshenin said. **echo@taylor.edu**

North American gaming team makes history

Cloud9’s “League of Legends” victory

Elijah Oates
Contributor

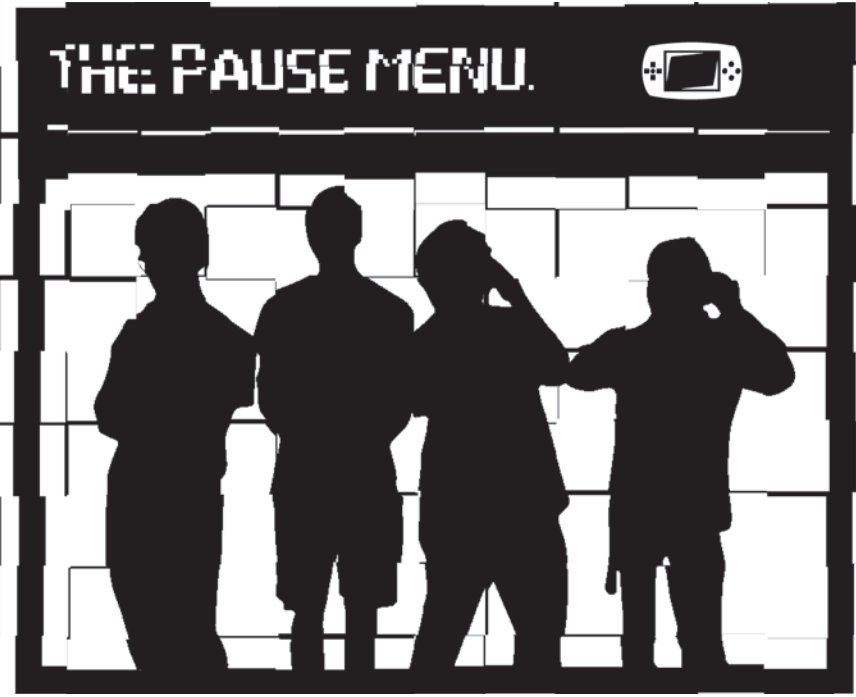
The last time a professional, North American (NA) “League of Legends” team made it to the semifinals of the world championship was... never. It seemed almost like a curse.

An NA team made the quarterfinals nearly every year, but always fell to the might of Korea, China or Europe. A few weeks ago, however, NA’s Cloud9 defeated Korea’s Afreeca Freecs in the quarterfinals to break the curse.

It was a special moment, from a special team. Cloud9’s storied season was full of highs and lows. At the beginning of the NA summer split — the latter half of professional League’s regular season — the team went through controversial roster swaps, benching three of their star players and starting three rookies. Fast forward five weeks, and Cloud9 was sitting at a 3–7 record. They were dead last.

Cue a miracle. Over the following five weeks, Cloud9’s rookies, as well as two of the benched players, would win the next eight games, finishing the split with an 11–7 record and a playoff bye.

The next step was the NA semifinals,



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where Cloud9 would face its biggest rival, Team SoloMid (TSM), in a best of five series. Cloud9 had not felled TSM in a best of five since the spring of 2014. In a hard fought series, the rookies shined, and Cloud9 emerged victorious in five nail-biting games.

Though they would lose the NA finals to the mighty Team Liquid, Cloud9 still had a chance to make the World Championship as NA’s third seed through the qualifier tournament. Lo

and behold, the team they had to beat was TSM. It didn’t take long. Cloud9 swept the series, continuing its Cinderella story, going from dead last to the World Championship.

The team began its run at Worlds without a hitch. They cruised through the Play-In stage, in which minor regions, as well as the lower seeds from major regions, fight for the right to play in the main event.

However, when it came time for

the Group Stage, there was a problem. Cloud9’s group consisted of one of Europe’s best teams, Team Vitality, the tournament favorites, RNG, and the previous year’s champions, Gen. G.

To reach the quarterfinals, Cloud9 needed four wins in six games against some of the best teams to ever play the game, and after starting 1–2, things looked grim.

Cue miracle number two. Using a unique, aggressive playstyle, Cloud9 caught their opponents off-guard and won their next three games, finishing the group with a 4–2 record and securing their spot in the quarterfinals.

Cloud9 is no stranger to the Worlds quarterfinals, having been there four times previously, but they had never won. Now, they were against Korea’s second seed: The Afreeca Freecs. No NA team had ever beat a Korean team in a best of five series.

Until now.

Against all odds, Cloud9 swept Afreeca 3–0 and secured their place in history as the first NA team to make the World Championship semifinals.

Though they lost in the semifinals, it didn’t really matter. History was made, and it was made by a team that was dead last during the regular season. Thank you, Cloud9. **echo@taylor.edu**

Mysteries abound in this brand new thriller movie

A review of “Bad Times at the El Royale”

Landon Hilst
Staff Writer

From director Drew Goddard comes this exhilarating new mystery revolving around a colorful cast and an impressive setting: The El Royale hotel.

On one side rests the beautiful sunshine state of Nevada, and to the other California, brimming with hopes and dreams. Although it may seem to be a bright and chipper novelty hotel, don’t be fooled. It’s clear something about this place is off from the get go and before you know it, events start popping off quicker than you can say “door-to-door vacuum salesman.”

A trailer or two might give away more details than that, but for the most part don’t go looking for too much information. Audiences’ enjoyment will be elevated by not knowing a lick about this film’s plot after walking through those theater doors. But don’t worry, the film’s characters are in the same position you’re in, so all is well.

Speaking of characters, “Bad Times at the El Royale” is stacked with talent and variety. Among the hotel’s directory are Jeff Bridge’s sweet, elderly Father Daniel



Graphic by Liam Brettenny

Flynn; Jon Hamm’s confident traveling man Mr. Sullivan; and Dakota Johnson as hippie and bad girl Emily Summerspring.

The big names are all very good in their respective roles, but it’s really Cynthia Erivo who steals the hearts and minds of the audience as Ms. Darlene Sweet, a singer who is trying to break through the

shadow of small-time background gigs and become a star of her own.

Writer and director of “Bad Times at the El Royale,” Drew Goddard, has been a strong presence in the world of television and film. In addition to his newest film “Bad Times at the El Royale,” Goddard has churned out numerous hits in a variety of

different roles. Among his works include writing popular found footage movie “Cloverfield,” having a hand in Netflix’s “Daredevil” as executive producer, and directing a few episodes on NBC’s “The Good Place” starring Kristen Bell.

Goddard stated “Bad Times” was created to be an experience for the theaters. The cinemas offer a connection with the film that cannot be replicated in one’s living room or on a laptop screen, according to Goddard.

The tension felt from this melting pot of personalities and agendas, as well as the atmosphere of the El Royale, work together nicely. The colors pop, the sounds come to life and the audience is pulled right into the conspiracies at the El Royale.

While there are plenty of surprises to be sure, the film does not suffer from the more quiet aspects that come from individual character moment and dialogue scenes. Slower parts carry as any action set piece. Everything is interesting, which can be a rare achievement in a feature length film.

“Bad Times at the El Royale” premiered on Oct. 12, producing scares and thrills in time for the spooky season that viewers are not going to want to miss.

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8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Metcalf Gallery

“Remembrances of War”

Faculty music recital and poetry readings

Nov. 8 — 7:30 p.m.

Recital Hall

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—The First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution

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Our View

Should Christians vote?

How faith works at the polls

The United States holds a unique position. Few modern countries have held to democratic values like this nation for the past two hundred years, while protecting its citizens right to vote.

Yet the polls remain unattended by many. The Pew Research Center says that an approximate 57.6 million voters voted in the 2016 election, which is only 28.5% of eligible citizens.

In recent years, voting has become controversial. Many believers feel a call to vote, but several despair at the sight of the candidates offered. In a January 2018 poll done by PBS and NPR, only 8% of participants had great confidence in congress, and 19% had great confidence in the presidency.

This might imply that the lack of satisfaction with the system has led to lower voter turnout, but the reverse may be true.

In a January 2018 article titled, “The Chicken and Egg Question: Satisfaction with Democracy and Voter Turnout,” the authors Filip Kostelka and André Blais explored the relationship between voter turnout and satisfaction.

“We show that in national and sub-national elections, especially those run under majoritarian rules, voting increases the satisfaction of all voters — even those who lost the election — and that it strongly boosts the satisfaction of those who believe they won the election,” Kostelka and Blais said.

Assistant professor of political science Jakob Miller echoes a similar sentiment.

“Just voting on its own makes a person more satisfied with their political system. It has a whole host of wonderful psychological effect,” Miller said.

Aside from personal satisfaction, Christians also have a responsibility to

prayerfully engage with the world, and that comes with a call to participate in the cultures of the land we live in.

A great example of this is the ministry of Paul. He lived a life devoted to Christ, but he admits 1 Corinthians 9 that he alter his ministry for the culture by becoming more like them.

To reach the hearts of the United States, believers must become as its citizens including the responsibility to vote.

“Christians have a duty to get involved,” Miller said.

Christians need to spread Christ’s message, and the way believers vote can be a powerful message of what is found in the Gospel.

The way we vote, is another way for us to preach Christ to a broken world.

Christians also have a rich history of involvement in the political process. In a brief discussion with Dean of Humanities, Arts and Biblical Studies Tom Jones he pointed out that Christians have often brought their faith forward when discussing the candidates available.

However, our electoral system is voluntary which is important. PBS Newshour, a total of 22 countries hold require their citizens to vote.

“If you don’t want to vote. You don’t have to,” Miller said. “Here in America, we’re big on personal freedom. If you genuinely have a moral objection to voting go ahead and don’t do it, however I’d be really curious to hear what it is because I can’t think of one of the top of my head.”

As an Editorial Board, we agree with the above. We recognize the importance of voting and its deep connection to our faith, but we do understand that our nation is based upon the premise of personal freedom. Still, we strongly encourage the former, and we hope to see you at the polls!

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How accessible is Taylor?

The disabled find a voice at Taylor

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Staff Writer



Last spring, junior Megan Burkhardt was half-carried down the stairs of her dorm to a waiting ambulance. Why?

English Hall has no elevator, and EMTs couldn’t reach her with a stretcher.

Samantha Hurst (’18) invited her sister who uses a wheelchair to Taylor. She got stuck on the second floors of buildings when elevators didn’t work properly, and Hurst noted that these were just the buildings that had elevators.

Junior Tim Pietz recalled utilizing his “hopping skills” while on crutches to reach his room on the second floor of Swallow Robin Hall, which also has no elevator.

Junior Caroline Vaporis, an aspiring special education teacher, related the struggles of inviting young students with disabilities to campus. Her class was unable to bring children into the dorms, since no one in the class lived in a dorm with an elevator.

On a given day at Taylor, it’s likely at least one student will be on crutches, using a scooter or otherwise hindered in mobility. Yet, obstacles for those with disabilities still abound.

“We believe there are adequate accessible places for students,” Residence Life Director Scott Barrett said. “Most buildings have some rooms or spaces that are handicap accessible. As we build new buildings or renovate old ones we are required to make sure a certain amount of the rooms are accessible.”

Coordinator of Academic Support Ken Taylor is working with students to make Taylor as accessible as possible. He pointed out several ways Taylor has been assisting. Taylor police will



Photograph by Jerusha Lindsay

One of Taylor’s accommodations for handicapped students.

drive students to class if needed, and students can get a handicap sticker for their cars. University maintenance workers regularly check to make sure handicap push plates are working. Taylor is always willing to work with students to create plans and stated that Lori Slater in housing is quick to help injured students move from upper floors to the first floor of a dorm.

Although Taylor has some options, and people like Taylor and Slater are doing much to help, I believe much more can be done.

As a student who has both been on crutches and suffered a condition that continues to hinder my mobility, I can vouch that living at Taylor can be difficult. I could move to another dorm, but I would have to leave behind wingmates I’ve lived with for years and integrate into a new community. Residence Life would be happy to assist, but should students really have to choose?

“We would love for every room on campus to be fully accessible. Right now that is just not the case. To modify any of our current spaces requires resources that right now we just don’t have,” Barrett said.

According to a study by senior Molly Fletchall, the average elevator purchase and installation costs about

\$20,000. Though three on-campus dorms have elevators, the other five do not. The cost to install elevators these would total about \$100,000.

This may seem like a lot. However, yearly tuition at Taylor is over \$40,000. In only two and a half years, just one student pays more than enough for five elevators. When considering student health and the possibility of welcoming more students with disabilities to campus, this doesn’t seem as hefty a price to pay.

Vaporis pointed out the first thing prospective students see is the admissions building, Helena — the front entrance of which is a staircase. Why should individuals with disabilities have to go around the back?

What about residence halls where the first set of doors has an automatic door opener — but the second doesn’t?

In the meantime, there’s one thing we can all do that costs nothing. If you don’t need to use an automatic door opener, don’t. Pushing the buttons makes the batteries die, leaving those who need them with a dead button that doesn’t work.

In the end, Taylor advised, “If you see another student struggling, open the door. You don’t need to go to the other side of the world to minister. Minister to each other.”

How would Jesus cheer at a sporting event?

Other teams are Christian, too

William Heath
Faculty Contributor



I enjoy competition. Two of my sons played Taylor football, and I filmed almost all their games.

My oldest son, Justin, a two-time NAIA All-American, chose a unique paper topic for his capstone project as a Christian Ministries major: “Biblical Sports.” What? Yup, biblical sports. The claims and interests of God’s kingdom transform sports and athletes too.

In last Saturday’s game, I saw an example of biblical sports. Taylor running back junior Spencer Crisp got tackled by a Concordia player. Spencer was the first to jump up, extend his hand to the tackler, and help him get back on his feet. That’s one aspect of biblical sports. It doesn’t have to happen every play.

However, when professor Mick Bates and my son and I went to IWU vs. Taylor football game on Sept. 1st, we were a bit surprised when 15 minutes before game time the first of three skydivers sailed into the stadium sporting a relatively small IWU Wildcats flag. The “booing” began as the skydiver descended right in front of us. Maybe the fans were just “oohing” and “ahing” at the impressive entry, but it sounded like booing due to the IWU flag.

Then something happened I’d never seen before. I think it took place when the Wildcats squad first entered the stadium from their locker room. Everyone around us turned their backs on the field. Was it just good fun or an insult? I don’t know, it didn’t feel right in my spirit. Something was off.

The “boos” occurred now and then on and off; I’ll never be comfortable with booing. But when Taylor took the lead, I got the feeling we were adding insult to injury, kicking the IWU players when they were down as our fans began to cheer: “This is our house! This is our house!”

I’m pretty sure we were in IWU’s stadium, but that’s not what the Taylor fans were suggesting. I knew that IWU’s president David Wright was hosting Taylor president P. Lowell Haines and Sherry in his private box, so I couldn’t help but wonder if Lowell might have been a bit embarrassed at this response.

What would Jesus do if he were with fans cheering on their favorite team? I think he would be cheering on all the players, hoping both teams play their best, but he wouldn’t do anything to demoralize or discourage the other team and their loyal fans. He would never (1) boo the other team; (2) turn his back when the other team entered the stadium; and (3) he would never join in on the cheer “This is our house!” when his team takes the lead. In short, Jesus would not demean or dishonor the other team and their fans in any way.

Paul does say things like “Love is not arrogant or rude” and “Follow me as I

follow Christ.” Jesus would be an exceptional fan since he loves every athlete on the field, but he would always have in mind that his ultimate goal is to point people to his Father. Instead of rubbing a missed shot, tackle or mistake in an opponent’s face, he would show respect to the opposing team, celebrate his team’s victories and humbly acknowledge a loss with honor.

I’m confident the IWU coaching staff and players invested countless hours and worked just as hard as the TU coaches and players in preparation for this game. I’m sure there are just as many gifted and talented athletes who are followers of Jesus on IWU’s team as there are on Taylor’s team. And because TU and IWU are Christian universities, we are fellow members of the body of Christ. Even in the midst of our competition, we want the very best for the other.

IWU fans probably cheer in much the same way when they visit Taylor and we’re down. Still, in our heart of hearts, I think Jesus’ disciples desire to bring the kingdom not only onto the field but into the bleachers too. I trust Taylor will be known for desiring the kingdom in every sphere of life.

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Students cheer for TU from the sidelines..

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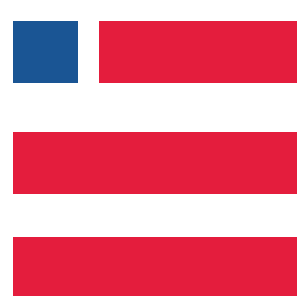
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